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In the Specification

On page 2, line 1 please insert the following paragraph;

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/211,614 filed on December 15, 1998, now abandoned, which claims priority to German Patent Application No. 19757067.4 filed on December 20, 1997.--

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REQUEST TO USE CERTIFIED COPY FROM PRIOR APPLICATION

Applicants request that the certified copy of priority Application No. 19757067.4 submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in U.S. Serial No. 09/211,614 be utilized as the priority document for the subject application.